

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-7 remain pending in this application, with Claim 1 being the sole independent claim.

The specification has been further amended herein to improve its form.

Favorable consideration and early examination on the merits are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Williamson", written over a horizontal line.

Mark A. Williamson
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 33,628

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

MAW/agn

DC_MAIN 237331v1